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Memorandum.

Mr. Russell states that the decision to admit Australian dried fruits in stock in England at the same reduced rate as Australian fruit imported direct was not based wholly upon the intention to meet the assumed wishes of Australia in this matter. A proposal to this effect had been prepared for Council before Mr. Bruce's telegram of January 19th was received. The proposal was based (1) on the desire to safeguard the Canadian consumers from the raising of prices by American producers, and (2) on the desire to give Australian producers the same advantages as South African growers, whose raisins and currants may now be imported at the special preferential rate either direct or via London.

The question will be brought to Mr. Robb's attention at once. Mr. Russell is of the opinion that the recent decision should stand.

O.D. SKELTON

Ottawa, 28th January, 1926.

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